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URBAN DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS OF ORISSA
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a)The details of urban development proposals sent by Orissa to the Union Government for approval during the last three years and current year;

(b)Whether the Union Government has accorded approval to these proposals;

(c) If so, the details thereof alongwith the financial assistance provided, scheme-wise, location-wise;

(d)The time by which the remaining proposals are likely to be cleared;

(e) The reasons for not considering Cuttack Municipal Corporation for overall development under the schemes of the Ministry though Orissa recommended for inclusion of the same for funding;

(f) Whether the Government proposes to review and reconsider the said proposal for inclusion; and

(g) If so, the time by which a decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a)to(d): Details of proposals sent by Orissa to the Union Government for approval during last three years and current year under various schemes of this Ministry are as follows:-

(i) Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns (IDSMT) - During last three years and current year, Government of Orissa has sent proposals for development of urban infrastructure of 18 towns and central assistance amounting to Rs. 703.57 lakh was released. Town-wise details of project cost and central assistance released are given in Annexure I.

(ii) Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme (AUWSP) - During last three years and current year, Government of Orissa has sent 15 water supply project proposals for approval, in 15 towns of the State and the same have been approved. Names of the towns, approved, estimated cost and Central share released to each town are furnished in Annexure-II.

(iii) Urban Transport Planning proposal relating to central assistance for - Techno Economic Feasibility study of Cuttack and Bhubaneswar and link between them and sub-urban transport System costing Rs. 75 lakh + S.Tax was received and the Government of India`s support of providing 40% of the cost under the scheme, was accepted. 1st installment of Rs. 9.72 lakh was released on 8th February 2005.

(e)to(g): Under the IDSMT Scheme, Cuttack town was covered in the year 2003-04 for a project cost of Rs. 590.97 lakh and central assistance of Rs. 106.00 lakh has been released so far.

Cuttack city is not eligible for financial assistance under AUWSP as the scheme is applicable to towns having population less than 20,000 (as per 1991 census).

Cuttack city can now be covered under the newly launched scheme of Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium Towns (UIDSSMT) which is applicable to all the towns in the country, irrespective of the population criteria.

Apart from coverage under the schemes of this Ministry, Government of Orissa forwarded a project proposal seeking Japan Bank of International Cooperation (JBIC) loan assistance for Integrated sanitation project for Cuttack city at an estimated cost of Rs. 341.10 crore. This Ministry recommended the project to Department of Economic Affairs (DEA) for inclusion under JBIC rolling plan 2005. DEA also recommended the same to JBIC. However, JBIC indicated that it may not be possible for them to examine the proposal without detailed project / feasibility report and requested for submission of the same. Government of Orissa have informed that the Detailed Project Report is under preparation and would be forwarded to Ministry of Urban Development.